

SEEING GOD

Text: Matthew 5:8

I. THE _____

- They are the pure in heart.
 - Pure = _____ (root of catharsis = cleansing);
 - _____ = the inner you, or center of you, to which every other part of you is connected.
- Matt. 5:2-12: All these verses describe same group of people, the _____, born-again children of God.
- They are “the pure in heart” for 2 reasons:
 - Their hearts have been _____ clean from sin by blood of Christ (Rev. 1:5).
 - Their hearts have been filled with an exclusive _____ for Christ.

II. THE _____

- They are blessed.
 - Basic meaning = being _____ in the circumstances of life.
 - New Testament meaning = being the recipient of divine _____.

A. The _____ for blessedness

- The _____ of what the world thinks a person needs to do to be happy.
- Question: Which kind of blessedness are you chasing in life—the sinful, worldly kind or the pure, heavenly kind?

B. The _____ of blessedness

- Not:
 - That you’ll be having a good time or feel _____ at every moment.
 - That you won’t ever _____, feel pain, or have problems.
- But rather:
 - You have God’s _____ and favor in an unfriendly world where we mourn and are persecuted.
 - Nothing and nobody can ever cut you off from the _____, presence, peace, love, and joy of God.
 - Most of all, you will receive your heart’s greatest _____. Your greatest blessing is that God will give you what you truly long for, Himself (Ps. 37:4).

III. THE _____

- They shall _____ God.
 - See = not just to behold with the eyes but also to contemplate and _____ what looking at; and beyond that, to experience and enjoy.
- People who desired to see God:
 - _____ (Exod. 33:18)
 - _____ (Ps. 27:4, 63:1-2, 17:15, 84:10)
 - John and Andrew (John 1:38-39)
 - _____ (Philip. 3:8, 1 Cor. 13:12)
- What God looks like:
 - _____
 - Beautiful (Rev. 4:3)
 - Awesome
 - _____
 - Loving
- Application: If you don’t care much about seeing God, you wouldn’t like _____ much.

CONCLUSION

- Question: Is your heart’s _____ desire to see God? Does your heart beat with the longing of the pure in heart? (1 John 3:2-3)